

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S819–S880

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and sixteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 379–389, 11–15, and S. Res. 42–57. **Pages S870–71**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 42, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 43, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. Res. 44, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 45, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate.

S. Res. 46, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 47, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

S. Res. 48, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 49, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 50, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

S. Res. 51, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 52, authorizing expenditure by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. Res. 53, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

S. Res. 54, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 55, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S870**

Measures Passed:

100th Anniversary of the Death of Harriet Ross Tubman: Senate agreed to S. Res. 56, recognizing the significance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Harriet Ross Tubman. **Page S879**

Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 57, designating February 28, 2013, as "Rare Disease Day". **Pages S879–80**

Measures Considered:

Sequester Legislation—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes. **Page S849**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 28, 2013.

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Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Wyden, Hatch, and Grassley. **Page S880**

Sequester Legislation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of February 14, 2013 with respect to sequester legislation be modified to permit the Republican Leader to introduce a bill on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, consistent with the language which is at the desk and that all other provisions of the order of February 14, 2013 remain in effect. **Page S880**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 24), Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense. **Pages S821–47, S880**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

Pursuant to the order of February 25, 2013, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on February 14, 2013, was agreed to. **Page S833**

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By 71 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 23), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S833**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—24) **Pages S833, S846–47**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S880.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

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Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee; and 150 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Menendez (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Brown, Merkley, Manchin, Warren, Heitkamp, Moran, Corker, Toomey, Kirk, Coburn, Heller, and Shelby.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection: Senators Brown (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Tester, Merkley, Hagan, Warren, Toomey, Shelby, Vitter, Johanns, Moran, Heller, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Tester (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Warner, Hagan, Warren, Heitkamp, Johanns, Corker, Shelby, Vitter, Toomey, Kirk, and Coburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Warner (Chair), Brown, Manchin, Kirk, and Moran.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Merkley (Chair), Tester, Warner, Hagan, Manchin, Heitkamp, Heller, Coburn, Vitter, Johanns, and Crapo.

Senators Johnson (SD) and Crapo are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

IMPACT OF FEDERAL INVESTMENTS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Federal investments on people, communities, and long-term economic growth, after receiving testimony from Polly Trottenberg, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; Hunter R. Rawlings III, Association of American Universities, and Anthony P. Carnevale, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, both of Washington, DC; David R. Malpass, Encima Global LLC, New York, New